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SUBJECT: OSCE HDIM: NO ISSUES TO RAISE FOR LATVIA

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(SBU) Post continues to believe strongly that discussing and addressing human rights issues in Latvia bilaterally is the best strategy to move the GOL in the right direction. Given that Russia uses the OSCE as a forum for attacking Latvia on human rights issues, for the USG to raise any issues in this context would be counter-productive. Post recommends that the USG continue to work with the GOL bilaterally on human rights issues and therefore has nothing specific to contribute to the upcoming OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting demarche.

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